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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

The Washington end of this nasty Spanish business is now in a fairly satisfactory condition. Since Congress placed \$50,000,000 at Mr. McKinley's disposal, the administration has come out in the open with its war preparations, and no time is now being lost in getting together the fighting material that will be necessary to enable us to drive the Spaniards off every foot of American territory. Although Mr. McKinley deserved criticism for waiting so long to get started a long the right road, it is overlooked now, and he is given the praise he deserves for the energetic manner in which he is pushing things. The country is rapidly being put upon a war footing; the people have been on a war footing for some time.

No harm is done by Secretary Long's denying that either the President or himself has any information as to what the report of the Naval Court of Inquiry will be, so long as there is no let up in the preparations to be in a position to act promptly on that report, which can not be delayed much longer. There isn't the slightest doubt that the report will show that the Maine was destroyed by an outside explosion.

Mr. McKinley has not told anybody, so far as known, that he intended to couple with the demand he makes on Spain on account of the Maine, another that Cuba should be free, although he has intimated his intention to in some way combine the two things. If he wishes to act in accordance with the dominating sentiment in Congress, he will certainly take some means of letting Spain know when the Maine demand is made that this government has stood the disgraceful affairs in Cuba, just as long as it intends to, and that if Spain does not at once voluntarily recognize the independence of Cuba, the United States will help the Cubans to force her to do so. The talk on this subject among Congressmen is plain and outspoken, and practically all one way.

The new Spanish Minister talks as though the most important issue between Spain and the United States was the negotiation of a reciprocity commercial treaty, and says he expects the representatives of the alleged autonomy government of Cuba, who will have charge of the interests of the island during the negotiations, to reach Washington in a few days. No one believes that such a farce as negotiation for a reciprocity treaty would be, under existing circumstances, will be allowed to begin by the administration, and the Minister probably only indulging in such talk for the purpose of trying to impress us with the peaceable intentions of Spain toward us. He is wasting time. We know

Spain's real attitude toward us—an attitude that has worked the American people up to such a pitch that the determination to thrash Spain has become universal among us.

Senator Jones, of Ark., voiced the almost unanimous sentiment of Congress when he said concerning the report that a movement had been started with a view to bridge about an alliance between England and the United States: "I do not think that there is anything in the report, for it would be one of the most foolish things this or any other administration ever undertook. In the first place, we do not need any alliance to conduct our own quarrels. We are able to take care of ourselves, and an alliance with some other power, particularly those on the other side of the water would be especially repugnant to the people of this country. I am confident there is nothing in it, and if there was, and it should be submitted to the Senate, as it doubtless would be, that body would not sanction it."

Those who had supposed that the fight against the confirmation of the nomination of Terrence V. Powderly, to be Commissioner of Immigration—the price of Powderly's stumping in the Presidential Campaign—was over not well posted. It is being waged quite briskly, and one of the apparent results is an adverse report from the Senate Committee on Immigration on the nomination, and Powderly's opponents express confidence that they can get enough votes in the Senate to ratify the Committee's adverse report. Powderly is now holding the office under a recess appointment.

Czar Reed having succeeded in his efforts to compel a majority of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors, to vote against reporting a River and Harbor bill at this session, Representative Wheeler, of Alabama, has introduced a bill appropriating \$5,000,000, to be expended at the discretion of the Secretary of War, for the continuance of River and Harbor improvements already begun, preference being given to those which can be best operated during the summer and fall months. Gen. Wheeler will do his best to get his bill through, but as it is opposed by the 'zar, the chances are rather against him.

From all over the country, come words of praise for Chamberlain's cough remedy. Here is a sample letter from Mrs. C. Shey, of Little Rock, Ark.: "I was suffering from a very severe cold, when I read of the cures that had been effected by Chamberlain's cough remedy. I concluded to give it a trial and accordingly procured a bottle. It gave me prompt relief, and I have the best reason for recommending it very highly, which I do with pleasure." For sale by M. B. Blackburn.

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A KLONDIKE STORY.

One of the best known Klondike stories thus far received comes from Seattle by way of the Post-Intelligencer. The hero of it is Jimmy Brennan, ten years-old, the son of ex-Police Officer Brennan of Seattle. Here follows the story:

With several companions, Jimmy was standing on Yesler Way, when a stranger came along. He looked like a man who had just returned from a logging camp.

"Boys," he said, "where is the Butler Hotel?"

"I'll tell you for a quarter," said one of Jimmy's companions.

"I'll show you where it is for ten cents," chimed in another.

"Say, I'll do it for five cents," remarked a third.

"Mister," said Jimmy, "I will point out the Butler to you for nothing."

"You're my man," said the rough-looking stranger, and the two went down Yesler Way together, while Jimmy's companions stayed behind to call him a chump. Jimmy led the stranger to the Butler.

"Come in here," said the man, and he led the boy into a clothing store. "Give this boy the best suit of clothes in the house," said the stranger.

Jimmy simply opened his mouth. Soon he had on a fine suit.

"Now give him an overcoat," said the stranger, and Jimmy's eyes tried to pop out of their sockets.

The clerk adorned Jimmy with an overcoat.

"Now a hat," said the stranger.

Jimmy wanted to cry. He thought it was Christmas time, and that he was by the side of a great fire reading one of American's fairy tales.

Soon he was arrayed in a new hat, new suit, new overcoat. The stranger paid for all. Jimmy started out of the store. He was so bewildered that if several goblins had put in their appearance, he would have joined them in their fairyland festivities.

"Just wait a minute," said the stranger.

Jimmy waited.

If the stranger had said, "Go roll in the dust of the street," Jimmy would have done it.

The stranger went down in his pockets and closed his dealings with Jimmy by giving him a five dollar gold piece and a gold nugget worth about five dollars.

Then Jimmy thanked the stranger and went off to tell his companions about the man to whom he showed the Hotel Butler "for nothing."

The stranger was a Klondiker, supposed to be Patric Galvin, who returned on the Rosalie Saturday night with a fortune estimated at about twenty thousand dollars. It pays to be polite. If you don't believe it, ask Jimmy Brennan.

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Rules for Living Long.

Sir James Sawyer has been confiding the secret of longevity to a Birmingham audience. Like so many other secrets, it consists in "paying attention to a number of small details." Here is a schedule of them, collected from a report of Sir James Sawyer's lecture:

1. Eight hours' sleep.
 2. Sleep on your right side.
 3. Keep your bed-room window open all night.
 4. Have a mat to your bed-room door.
 5. Do not have your bedstead against the wall.
 6. No cold tub of a morning, but a bath at the temperature of the body.
 7. Exercise before breakfast.
 8. Eat little meat and see that it is well cooked.
 9. (For adults.) Drink no milk.
 10. Eat a plenty of fat, to feed the cells which destroy disease germs.
 11. Avoid intoxicants, which destroy the cells.
 12. Daily exercise in the open air.
 13. Allow no pet animals in your living rooms. They are apt to carry about disease germs.
 14. Live in the country if you can.
 15. Watch the three D's—drinking water, damp and drains.
 16. Have change of occupation.
 17. Take frequent and short holidays.
 18. Limit your ambition; and
 19. Keep your temper.
- Keep all these commandments, and Sir James Sawyer sees no reason why you should not live to be 100.—Standard.

Personal and Social Drinking.

Would not America be a great deal better off to-day if no one drank intoxicating liquors? If it would, then should we not feel it a moral duty to make it as much better off as we can, by doing everything we can, both by precept and by our own practice, to do away with a social custom which leads many into temptation? And can we count that too great a sacrifice for us to make for the public good or for the good of individuals who are directly affected by our actions? If we do think the sacrifice too great, is not that already a sign that we are too strongly attached to the custom, or in danger of becoming too strongly attached to it, for our own good?—Christian Register.

The Winston Republican says the gold democrats "justly claim that they are sticking to the true Democratic faith taught by the fathers." The only support the goldites get in their absurd contention is from Republicans. See? The truism was stated by Mr. Cleveland when he said that all true Democrats submitted "to the arbitrament of the national convention." There can be no other test unless the tail is made to wag the dog.—News and Observer.

Negroes in Office.

Men of Chicago.

It might also be well, if negroes are to be appointed to office anywhere, to think seriously of the propriety of appointing those of character and ability to the exercise of important office among Northern communities. Why should not some of the Northern cities and towns have colored postmasters and other local officers, instead of all of them being placed among Southern communities? The people of the South have some show of justice on their side when they complain against the evident partiality which does not consider race prejudice with them, but forces a colored postmaster or collector of internal revenue upon a community where the colored man is persona non grata for such duty, and at the same time does not give to Northern communities colored men in such prominent and representative office. It would be well to have negroes appointed to office in the Northern States, and, not always from the Northern States; to have the negro in the North regarded by the government as much of a citizen as he is in the South. If this were done there would certainly be more equality and justice shown, both to the negro and to the several communities; and there might be a better opportunity to understand and appreciate the force and the power of race prejudice, and to consider whether, and how far, such prejudice should be recognized in the administration of government.—News and Observer.

Charlotte Observer: Two dynamite cartridges were found on the trestle on the Mocksville Railroad by a white man half an hour before the passenger train arrived on the morning of the 7th. The train was stopped and the cartridges given to the conductor, who took them to Winston. The train crew and passengers were badly frightened when advised of what had been found. They believe that the train would have been knocked in to the river if the dynamite had been struck by the engine.

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